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- Copy of Notice of Acceptance of Application
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- Copy of Preliminary Amendment originally filed September 7, 2001, with the application
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION**

Applicants have received the Notice of Acceptance of Application dated January 18, 2002, for the above-identified application. The Notice states that additional claim fees of \$334.00 are required (\$54.00 for claims over 20, \$280.00 for multiple dependant claims surcharge).

Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment with this U.S. National Stage application on September 7, 2001, which Amendment removed the multiple dependency from the claims. Applicants enclose a copy of the Preliminary Amendment as originally filed, and ask that this Amendment be entered and the fees recalculated.

By this Response, Applicants believe that all necessary filing fees have been paid. However, if the Patent Office still determines that additional fee(s) are required, please see the attached transmittal sheet for Deposit Account Authority.

Please contact the undersigned if anything further is required.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before calculating the filing fee, please enter the following amendment in the accompanying patent application:

*In the Specification:*

Please insert the following header and paragraph on page 1, immediately following the title:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US00/06244, filed March 10, 2000, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/123,586, filed March 10, 1999. The provisional application is incorporated herein in its entirety.--

*In the Claims:*

*R1* 41. (Once amended) The assay of claim 1, wherein detection is automated.

*A3* ~~48.~~ 43. (New) The assay of claim 10, wherein detection is automated.

By this amendment the specification has been changed to reflect prior related applications. The claims have been revised to remove a multiple dependency. No new matter is added by this amendment.

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**Marked-up Version of Amended Claims  
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)-(c)**

41. The assay of claims 1-~~or~~<sup>1</sup>10, wherein detection is automated.

43. The assay of claim 10, wherein detection is automated.